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KODIAK, Alaska -- The Honorable Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, President Pro Tempore, tours a 25-foot homeland security boat with Petty Officer First Class Chris Mogavero and Harvey Johnson, Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area, at the commissioning of Maritime Safety and Security 91111 in Anchorage, Oct 15. Stevens was joined at the ceremony by The Honorable Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Congressmen Don Young (R-Alaska). MSSTs are a quick response force capable of rapid, nationwide deployment or sea transportation in response to changing threat conditions and evolving Maritime Homeland Security mission. They are modeled after the Coast Guard's Port Security Unit's and Law Enforcement Detachments. Anchorage's 1 is the fourth Coast Guard anti-terrorism team commissioned in the Pacific region, and the ninth commissioned nation. MSSTs are located in the ports of Seattle, Los Angeles/Long Beach, San Francisco, Chesapeake, Va., Boston, Hc Mary's, Ga. and New York. Additional MSSTs are slated for San Diego and Honolulu. (Official U.S. Coast Guard Officer Paul Roszkowski)





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Press Release

9th Maritime Safety & Security Team to call Anchorage home

COAST GUARD ISLAND, ALAMEDA, Calif., - Coast Guard Pacific Area will commission a new Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST 91111) Friday at the Port of Anchorage, Alaska.

Vice Adm. Harvey Johnson, Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area, will be the presiding official for the ceremony. Senators Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski are also planning to attend and speak at the ceremony.

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Created in direct response to the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001, MSSTs are a part of the Department of Homeland Security's layered strategy directed at protecting our seaports and waterways. They were established to protect military load-outs, enforce security zones, defend critical waterside facilities in strategic ports, stop illegal activities such as narcotics trafficking or illegal migrants, and provide a modest level of shore side protection.

Anchorage's MSST 91111 is the fourth Coast Guard anti-terrorism team to be commissioned in the Pacific region, and the ninth to be commissioned nationwide. Other MSSTs are located in the ports of Seattle, Los Angeles/Long Beach, San Francisco, Chesapeake, Va., Boston, Houston, St. Mary's, GA., and New York. Additional MSSTs are slated for San Diego and Honolulu.

Media interested in attending the commissioning ceremony should contact Chief Petty Officer Darrell Wilson at 907-271-2660 no later than 3 p.m. Thursday.